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County looks to incentivise prospective medical staff

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Incentives offered to lure medical professionals to Haliburton County are quite generous compared to what's offered by other centres.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, asked for council's thoughts in June as to whether or not the county should offer physicians a monetary signing bonus.

There's serious competition for doctors and it was thought that such an incentive might be a good idea.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, told council when it met July 24 that officials looked into incentives offered by other municipalities and regions to attract doctors.

She said staff research didn't turn up any municipality that offers a signing bonus to prospective doctors.

"We did not discover any communities that are paying an additional financial amount that's released at the time of signing a return of service agreement," Welch said. "So nothing that's over and above their annual or bulk payment."

She recommended that the county refrain from offering additional money to doctors. What she suggested the county do is shore up community support by way of "community care packages" involving more partners within the region.

"What Haliburton (County) already has in place is quite generous compared to the other communities," she said. "And I don't think adding an additional amount will make any difference."

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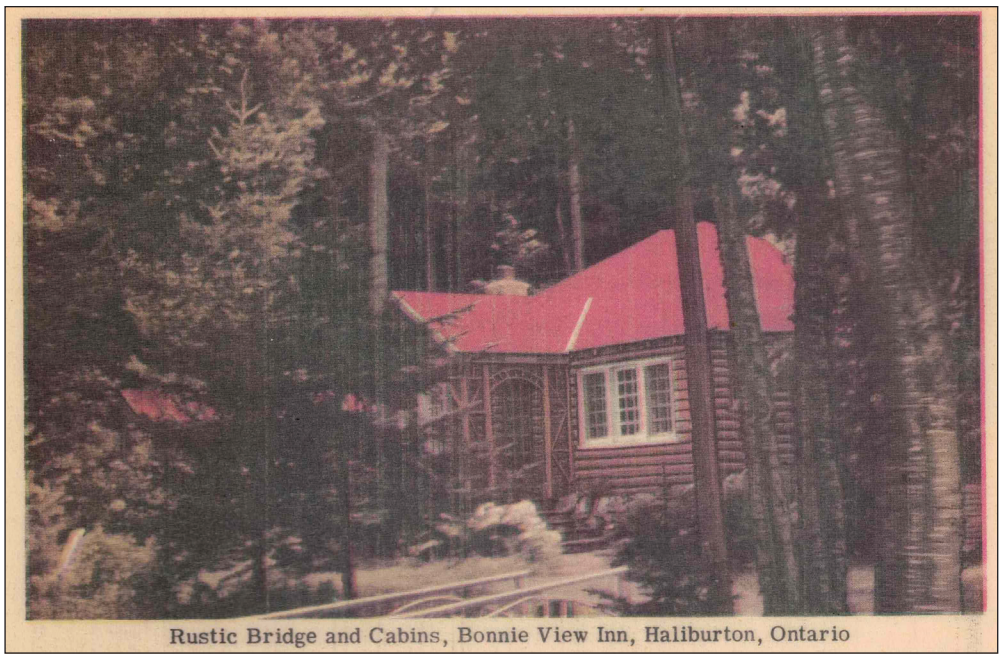

The Bonnie View Inn has been a staple accomodation business in Haliburton County for 100 years. /Submitted

A century of memories made at Bonnie View Inn

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

For a century now, the Bonnie View Inn has been a staple business in Haliburton County, welcoming generations of families to stay at the iconic lodge on the shores of Kashagawigamog Lake.

It was founded in 1924.

Back then, it consisted of one small cottage with a stone foundation, and is now the lobby today.

In 1945, the main inn and 14 additional cabins were ready for use.

The basement was used as a speakeasy during prohibition in the 1950s, and if you catch a peak in the basement today, the Scottish paintings are still on the walls.

Eventually, the suite building was built along with a dockside patio.

Andrea Hagarty began working at BV in 1991 at age 19 as a waitress.

"It was just a summer job at the time, but then the managers quit, and the owner asked me to run it for a while. I went out exploring for a few years and ended up managing it in 1995 until buying it in 2005 with my ex-husband, Monty Miscio," Hagarty said.

Miscio was the chef at the time, Hagarty continued to manage it, and their now-adult two kids spent most of their childhood there.

In 2015, Hagarty bought the inn herself.

Since her teenage years, she said she's always had plenty of energy and the ability to multitask, traits that served her well for owning and managing a large operation.

She stands as the longest owner in all its history.

"It really was the hardest thing ever. Looking back, I'm not sure how I managed all aspects."

Ryan Yates, his family, and the Brandt family bought the Bonnie View Inn from Hagarty in 2020, with Hagarty staying on for the past four years to help with the transition.

"There is no chance we would've survived without Andrea sticking around and also an extended family that has put time and energy into it," Yates said.

It was a long process for Hagarty to find the perfect family to take over the beloved Inn.

But as soon as Yates walked in the door, she knew it was a perfect fit.

"I didn't know anything about Bonnie View when I came in. All I knew was that it would be a busy lifestyle based on what Andrea told me, and she sure was right," Yates laughed.

The transition happened less than a month before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, so the team worked together to pull through those years of uncertainty.

"The combination of the two of us has made sure that it's still here," Yates said. "I feel so lucky to be part of it."

Yates, his wife, and four kids lived in Haiti from 2010 to 2019 before moving to Oakville.

He began looking for a project near the ended of 2019, and Andrea's listing of the BV caught his eye.

"I used to cottage on Little Boshkung Lake and ran the Wedgewood Marina snack bar as a kid. I loved the area, and based on all the feedback I read about the Bonnie View, I knew it was something worth looking at," Yates said.

Hagarty opened up a couple of rooms for the family to stay in and get the full experience, and after a few nights, they were sold.

"It's definitely been an awesome experience for the kids to be here. We all love it so much."

The Bonnie View offers accommodations, dining, and a space for weddings and events.

Bookings for 2025 are open. Visit www.bonnieviewinn.com for more information.

On Sunday, Sept. 1 from 12 to 6 p.m., the community is welcome at the Bonnie View for a 100th birthday party.

The Ya Babys will play some tunes, old photos and artifacts will be on display inside, there will be a photo booth, special 100th anniversary merchandise, and it will be the last day for their lakeside patio for the season.

"Come out and celebrate the place we love most, learn about its history, and connect with old friends," Hagarty said.

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Boot stompin'

County music star Genevieve Fisher gets the crowd dancing at the annual Gooderham Music Festival on Saturday, July 27. Local bands Gary and the Rough Ideas and Ragged Company as well as open mic guests also rocked the house last Saturday at the Gooderham Community Centre. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Artists dream of a place on Wonderland (Road)

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton artists are aiming for a five-year timeframe to begin construction of a facility in Dysart.

Dan Manley, president of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation, and Beth Kipping, the foundation's vice-president, met with Dysart council in July to lay out plans to get property on Wonderland Road.

After a recent closed session with the foundation, council requested details about timelines of the Wonderland/21 project.

"I think it's pretty clear what we need to do," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "We agreed to give you the property based on the fact that you do it or you don't. If you can't then you come back to us."

Manley described a process that would get into high gear in this year's third quarter. But that could be delayed, depending on how long it takes for land to transfer to new owners.

Manley said the foundation will revisit a fundraising study recently completed with the Dennis Group, consultants based out of Peterborough that work with clients to create management strategies.

"What they had done is essentially done some interviews with a lot of key people, movers and shakers, and some public surveys to find out about the affinity for fundraising for the project," he said.

Now that the project is a little father along, key people will be revisited to solicit their opinion on the work.

"And reassess the fundraising potential for the project," Manley said.

He said much has changed in the two years since the project was undertaken. Back then, they were in the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

"The fundraising landscape and the funding landscape has changed quite a bit since then," he said.

Then the foundation will be established a building committee consisting of board members and others from outside the foundation who are experienced in building.

Toward the end of the year, a capital campaign plan will be developed and a fundraising target will be established.

"Some of you have seen our feasibility study that (had) a $48-million price tag attached to what was in that report," Manley said. "We'll see if that is possible.

"If that's not possible, then what number could be reasonable? And go for that target instead."

The building plan will be updated and committee members will ensure the project budget matches the fundraising target.

"If we come back and they say that we can probably raise $35-million, we will then go to the architects and say, What can you build for $35-million?" he said.

Then steps will be taken to retain a project manager and an architecture and consulting team.

The arts centre design will be finalized in 2025 before the public campaign is launched later in the year.

The long-term activities will stretch two to five years, "unless there are some big donors that come forward and let us cut it short," Manley said. "But it's likely to go two to five years."

The public capital campaign will continue as construction documents are looked over by the municipality for approval. The contract for the work is expected to be awarded by the end of 2029.

"That is what we're hoping to work towards," he said. "Anything can happen, of course."

"I think five years is what we were thinking," Fearrey said.

"It's a nice, well-rounded number," Manley said.

"I'd think you'd know by then what you're going to do," Fearrey said.

"All the sort of practical, logistic things will happen sooner," Manley said. "The biggest thing is the capital campaign for the two to five years and we'd be in constant communication about what is going on, if there are any changes."

Manley asked if there is any avenue by which the municipality could help the foundation cover zoning fees.

"We will discuss that," Fearrey said.

"The fees certainly aren't cheap," Manley said when debating council's resolution on the matter. "I've put them all together with all the studies. If some can be waived or we can defer that to a later time, that would be ideal."

Manley said an estimate for the fees, without the studies, came to about $700,000. As a charitable organization, the arts foundation relies on donations.

"We're amazingly thankful for the property gift," Manley said. "That's a complete game-changer for us and really fires the starting pistol for (the project)."

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SIRCH: 35 years of putting community first

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

SIRCH Community Services is celebrating 35 years of connecting and supporting community members in Haliburton County as a not-for-profit organization.

This year, they were able to carry out over a dozen programs thanks to their staff and volunteers.

"I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for SIRCH Community Services' incredible journey and evolution," said founder and executive director Gena Robertson in SIRCH's Annual Report. "Starting from a small office in Haliburton, our organization has grown exponentially."

Robertson has been the leader of SIRCH since the very beginning.

She thanked outgoing long-time board president, Barbara Fawcett, for her dedication to SIRCH as Fawcett retires from the role.

"Her steadfast leadership and deep connection to Haliburton County have been invaluable," Robertson said. "Her contributions will be deeply missed."

Their highlighted programs this year include School's Cool, Community Action Program for Children and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CAPC/CPNP), Repair Cafe, Share the Warmth, Community Kitchen, Lunch is On Us, Rally for Rhubarb, the Applesauce Project, the Last Chance Project, and provided Bancroft Community Transit bus passes.

They also operated the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery, the Mini Thrift Shop, and Thrift Warehouse in both Haliburton and Bancroft.

Twenty two children participated in the School's Cool program this year in Minden, helping prepare them for kindergarten this fall.

The CAPC/CPNP programs run weekly in Haliburton, Minden, and Lindsay. They supported 30 mothers and 45 children over the past year.

The Repair Cafe continues to be a success, diverting 76 items from the landfill thanks to handy volunteers.

Over 1,000 winter items were collected from the community and given for free to those who needed them through the Share the Warmth program.

Fifteen thousand meals were produced and distributed through the Community Kitchen.

Lunch is on Us gave 1,500 free lunches on Wednesdays, and live music filled the Bistro this year while it was served.

SIRCH collected Rhubarb from community members to be used in their Community Kitchen desserts, and the Applesauce Project included the collection of wild apples to be made into applesauce and apple crisp.

The Last Chance Project was new this year. Items that may have otherwise ended up in the landfill were restored and offered for sale at Thrift Warehouse.

"As we look to the future, I am confident that SIRCH will continue to thrive, making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve," Robertson said.

Community Kitchen volunteer Sharon Wilson helps prepare and package meals that are distributed for free in the community. /Photo Submitted

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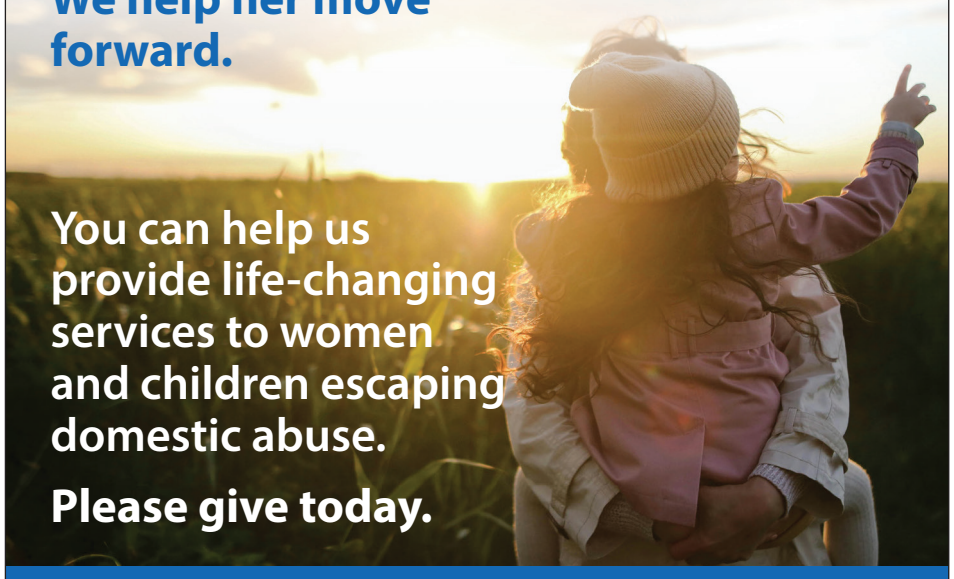

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Public health unit refines digital data resources

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Public health officials have improved digital resources aimed at better understanding community health.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit launched its new Public Health Data Dashboards, which is a digital resource that aims to better improve the understanding of community health and provide transparency of past and current health trends.

The dashboards are available now at hkpr.on.ca/data.

The health unit said the dashboards, which can be accessed by way of the HKPR website, provide an in-depth look at vital public health data that will enable the health unit and other community partners to better understand trends, identify areas of concern, implement targeted interventions, and develop programs and services that will have a positive impact on community health and well-being.

"Our Public Health Data Dashboards are not only beneficial for municipal leaders, community partners and residents, but will also help us redefine and better inform our public health approach in the future," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, the unit's medical officer of health.

"We now have a whole suite of community health dashboards that are providing invaluable data so that we can better control the spread of illness and monitor emerging health trends. This is a significant step in public health, and I am proud of the work completed to date."

The Public Health Data Dashboards feature a user-friendly interface that allows users to explore local data on various public health indicators. Those indicators will help in how official deal with chronic diseases, infectious diseases, injuries, mortality and the most recent census of population information.

The dashboards are presented for the HKPR District Health Unit area but, in many cases, they can also be filtered at the provincial level or to one of the three counties, which include City of Kawartha Lake, Haliburton County, and Northumberland County.

Five dashboards have already launched in the health unit's website.

There's the Census Profile Dashboard that explores data from Statistics Canada's 2021. It explores population trends, families, dwellings and households, income, language, mobility and education, and employment and community as being factors in public health.

The Chronic Diseases Dashboard provides local data for Emergency Department visits and hospitalizations for select chronic diseases including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and respiratory diseases.

The Infectious Diseases Dashboard explores the number of lab-confirmed cases for 75 infectious diseases including reportable respiratory, sexually transmitted/blood borne, vaccine-preventable and vector-borne diseases, as well as the number of outbreaks declared in highest-risk settings.

The Injury Profile Dashboard provides the number and rate of Emergency Department visits and hospitalizations due to injuries such as falls, sports and recreation, poisoning, transportation and more.

Rounding out the current suite of digital resources is the Mortality Profile Dashboard. It provides insight into the number and rate of deaths occurring among residents of the HKPR district including premature, avoidable and cancer-specific fatalities.

Bocking said other dashboards are slated for release later in the fall.

She said the health unit will continue to report community outbreaks and opioid overdose-related information through the new Public Health Data Dashboards.

The additional dashboards will feature updated information that will relate to respiratory infections and opioid overdoses, along with a new mental health data dashboard.

"The health unit is committed to providing accurate, timely, and understandable data that can influence decision-making, policy development and, ultimately, improve the health and well-being of our community," Bocking said.

The launch of this new Public Health Data Dashboard marks a significant step towards achieving this goal and inspiring impactful change.

Nurse practitioners wanted to meet care needs

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She said the county should prorate the offered incentives for physicians who offer to practice less than full-time hours over a two-year commitment.

"That would be if someone came in and offered to work part-time or three-quarter time, let's say," she said.

Another idea broached in June as a possible avenue to address the region's physician needs was to open the recruitment effort to nurse practitioners.

Danielsen said that nurse practitioners are taking on a much stronger healthcare role across the country.

Welch said there are federal and provincial incentive programs for nurse practitioners. Local officials discovered one community that offers its own additional incentive that's been successful in attracting two nurse practitioners.

Locally, the medical centre and the hospital are "in flux right now," Welch said. "Reevaluating their needs, waiting for funding to come into play for nurse practitioners."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services recently posted a temporary fulltime nurse practitioner position, she said. The clinic is also open to hiring more.

She suggested the county get behind promoting the federal and provincial incentive programs as a means to meet local need.

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said that, based on conversations he's had with doctors who have arrived in recent months, monetary incentives aren't inhibiting healthcare professionals from coming to the area.

"That's not the issue," he said. "We already are higher than most of the other areas. That's, I think, the best we can do."

Carter said he's against the county creating its own program to recruit nurse practitioners until there's a clearer view of what needs to be done.

"I know that the (Kawartha North) Family Health Team has struggled with the whole working with the government, figuring out how nurse practitioners can be integrated into the practice," he said, and added that the province has been dragging its feet in that regard.

In Haliburton County, if a doctor enters into an agreement for three years, the total amount of funding allocation of $75,000 could be paid out in different amounts as opposed to the current structure of $25,000 per year.

With the change, the county could pay out $50,000 in Year One, no funding in Year Two and $25,000 in Year Three.

"I do like the fact that we have added more flexibility to what we're offering to physicians," Danielsen said. "I also believe it would be beneficial to us to implement a program and for us to direct (Welch) to come back with something more definitive for nurse practitioners."

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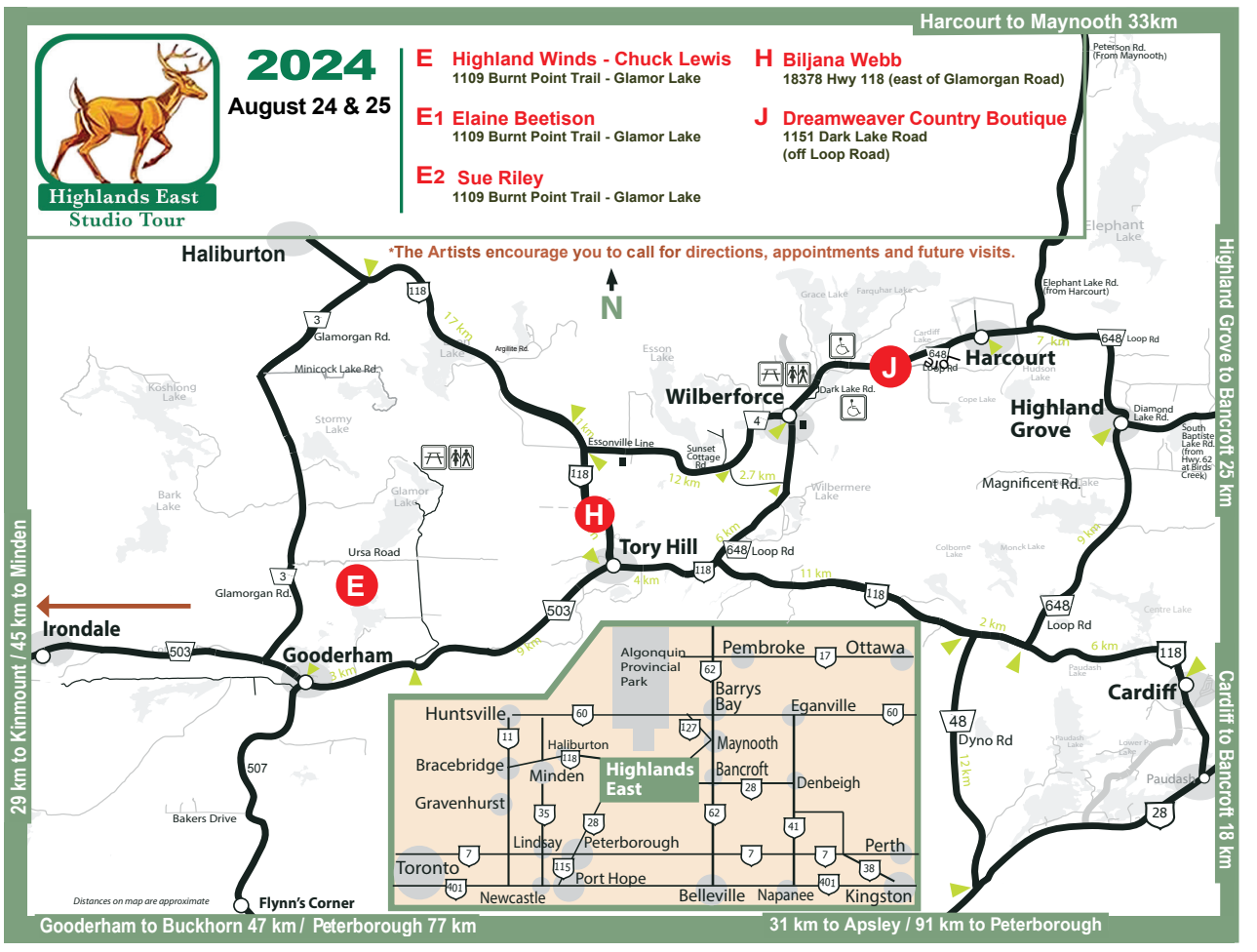

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All things must pass

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Editorial

I'VE BEEN pondering the age-old question of Haliburton: Do we need a bypass?

I'm writing this on the day of Midnight Madness.

With offices closed every holiday Monday, we prepare the Echo for an early send to the press on the Friday before.

It made for a busy week that flew by.

I realized, though, that I didn't leave any time for running errands.

If I go now, I'll hit cottager traffic.

If I go later, I'll hit Midnight Madness, well… madness.

As I sit here trying to strategize the best course of action to get to the other side of Highland Street on the Friday of the August long weekend, I can't help but long for that forever-debated bypass.

I was just reading an editorial written by Jenn Watt eight years ago.

At the time, the Head Lake Bridge was under construction, causing delays.

Her sentiments were similar to those I'm having now, though.

Wanting to avoid extra time spent idling while I run errands is one thing, but what if emergency vehicles need to get through town on a day like today?

What if there's a natural disaster, and Haliburton is gridlocked?

Just last Thursday, I was sitting at Castle Antiques working while I watched a tractor trailer delivery truck attempting to back into a downtown business with cars lining both sides of the street.

The truck hit a hydro pole, causing it to sway.

Pedestrians started shrieking at the frazzled driver to stop and go forward.

I panicked in that moment, too.

I imagined the pole crashing down, blocking the street, sparks flying. Then I imagined fire trucks and ambulances stuck at the other end of town, unable to get to the scene quickly.

It was truly a recipe for disaster which was luckily avoided that time.

Doom and gloom aside, I understand why we don't have a quick and easy bypass to avoid town.

Look at Minden.

I've met plenty of cottagers that haven't even stepped foot downtown.

Most of the necessary amenities are located on Highway 35.

They're missing out on one of the best parts of Minden - the quaint, lovely downtown on the Gull.

With summer being the reason why so many businesses in Haliburton can keep their doors open year after year, we truly can't afford to lose any downtown visitors.

If we had a bypass, would amenities pop up along there, too?

It seems we can either have sufficient infrastructure for the volume of summer traffic, or we can have a thriving downtown core, but we can't have two nice things at once.

In her editorial, Watt suggested a winding back road "bypass" equipped with potholes.

If we had something like this and kept on the down low, it could work.

But is it worth risking too many people finding out there's another way to go?

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It's been debated for years.

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Delight

Tales from the great

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Green meadow

THE HEART loves to be delighted. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) they follow the seasons of spring, summer, fall and winter.

Each season is associated with a different organ in the body, different emotions and different elements.

Summer is considered to be related to the element of fire which is connected to the heart. We all know that we want a healthy heart for our entire journey on this planet. And there are many ways of caring for our heart.

TCM believes that the heart is the metaphorical sun shining in our bodies. We want a big, bright, open heart as we move through our days.

The sun radiates warmth and is energizing and inspiring. The idea is that we all have those possibilities within us - warmth, radiance, light, shining, energizing, inspiring. It is also believed that the heart loves to be delighted. I love that delight helps us have a healthy heart.

In a current qigong routine that I am doing with my class, we laugh out loud every week as we do a move called "The Red Headed Woodpecker delights in seeing its friend or family member (someone they love)."

It is a balancing posture that has movement built into it. We are playful (which the heart also loves) as we make up all kinds of creative balancing poses.

As we do the move we laugh and bring to mind all kinds of things that delight us. Seeing an old friend. Going to a concert. Fresh sprouts. Grandchildren. Listening to a piece of music. Creating a piece of art. Reading a good book. Dancing. Jumping into the lake on a hot summer day. Watching the Olympics.

As a result of doing this particular move, I have been paying more attention to what delights me.

I notice when I am being delighted and how that feels in my body. Last weekend a friend of mine planned a surprise birthday party for another friend.

The party planner did not hold back. She painted a birthday banner and had flowers surrounding us.

She served tasty appetizers and drinks for us. We gathered outside on her little deck, surrounded by twinkle lights.

Some wine was consumed. Seven women gathered for the evening and we talked and laughed and ate and delighted in each other's company.

One of the girlfriends made divine chocolate cupcakes and they were served in beautiful tea cups with fruit and ice cream. There may be nothing more delightful than eating cupcakes with girlfriends under the beautiful moon. We are never too old to celebrate and to feel special.

I think it is an interesting concept to think about how delight shows up in our lives, and the role it plays.

I believe that when we each radiate delight that will impact the people that we come into contact with.

We are all adding into the collective energy that is around us. And we all want to have a healthy heart.

So eat healthy food, get some exercise when you can and pay attention to delight. The heart loves it all.

points of view

Nailed it

steve galea

Loon Tales

IN MY defense, I have been fishing a lot lately. So perhaps you can forgive me for starting what is probably going to end up being the next big fashion trend? I'm talking about something even bigger than dad bod crop tops.

In case you missed its Haliburton debut, I'm referring to the act of hanging a set of nail clippers around your neck.

Yep, I started it. Guilty as charged.

You see, I use nail clippers to cut fishing line. They come in handy when detaching flies or cutting the tag ends off fishing knots. And since I change flies and tie knots frequently when fishing, I hang those nail clippers around my neck on a strap, so I don't lose them – just like my mittens.

Does it look cool? I mean, come on. They're nail clippers man! Of course they do.

Even so, it was not my intention to start a style revolution.

It just happened. The truth is I was driving home from a fishing trip on Tuesday, and I forgot to take them off. I only realized this, however, after I went to the grocery store, post office, and then walked down main street.

I should have picked up on my mistake sooner though. Heck, almost everyone I talked to kept staring down at my chest. To the point where I had to remind some of them, "Excuse me, my eyes are up here."

Thankfully, most of them were only staring at my nail clippers – something, if I am not mistaken, the kids refer to as "bling."

In hindsight, I'm quite embarrassed. I mean, who dresses up like that in Haliburton on a Tuesday afternoon?

Me. That's who. Mister Flashy.

I must have been quite a sight, walking through town with a shiny set of silver nail clippers hanging from my neck like I was Fabio on a Milanese fashion show runway. And, as a result, I just did for nail clipper industry, what Flavor Flav did for big analog clock. Sorry.

Now parents everywhere will be walking around the house asking, "Has anyone seen my nail clippers?" Just like Jenn does.

Of course, the thing to remember here is that, no matter how stylish they look, I don't just wear them as fashion accessories. They're not like my Crocs.

No, I wear them because, to me, nail clippers are an actual tool that people use when fishing. I think they might have another use too.

Sure, they give you an edge. Wear them and you will immediately look like you came from the mean streets, where life is hard and people are too real to go for manipedis.

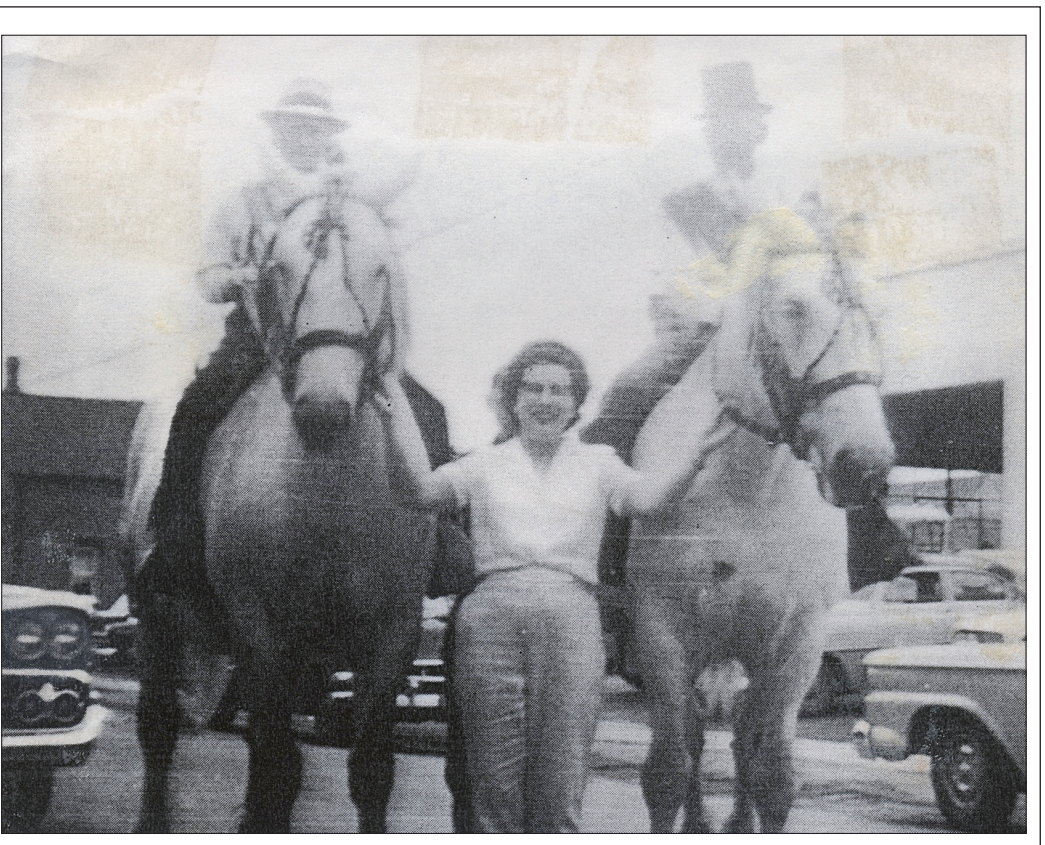
In any case, I went and did it. The cat is now out of the bag.

I suspect Queen Bey and Tay Tay, as I call them, will probably be sporting nail clippers around their necks on their next world tours. Or at the very least on their next fishing trip.

I'm sure you'll start seeing the cool kids wearing them too, once school starts again. And, as always, it will be the parents shelling out the money or having to explain to their kids that nail clippers are not in the budget. For which I am truly sorry.

The only good news is that it could have been worse.

I could have forgotten to remove my waders and fishing vest too.



pic *of the* past

This photo ran as a Pic of the Past a couple of decades ago. The original caption reads: It's been a long time since Haliburton had a 12th of July parade and this week's photo takes us back to the last time one was held in the village. [The parade commemorates the Battle of the Boyne for Orangemen.] The parade was lining up when this picture of the two Billys was taken riding on their horses. Billy Baker is shown on the left and W.R. Curry on the right. Hazel Whittaker is shown standing between the two horses. The photo was taken at the traffic lights near [what was then] Curry Motors.

letters to the editor

Re: *Give the Legion a lift*

To the Editor,

Thank you for the excellent editorial in the July 16 Echo. The Haliburton Legion is definitely THE gathering place in Haliburton for so many people and events. Expenses for operating and necessary upgrades(electricity, new elevator for accessibility, a much needed generator for emergencies)continue to increase. Legion and community members need to support our Legion in order for it to survive.

Lynn Childs
Haliburton

OPP to host uniform recruitment symposium for women

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is hosting a recruitment event to further support women on their journey to becoming police officers. OPP's Women's Symposium is being held on Aug. 17, 2024, at OPP General Headquarters (GHQ) in Orillia.

The OPP hosts interactive recruitment events periodically and throughout the province to support individuals who are interested in becoming police officers. OPP Women's Symposium will focus on eliminating and demystifying some of the perceived barriers that women (including those who are cis, trans, assigned female at birth and non-binary) may face when considering a career in policing.

After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback and requests for additional events following OPP Bound, Women's Edition, the OPP Women's Symposium will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from and interact with women in various ranks within the OPP. The event concludes with a shuttle run and will allow participants to prequalify their fitness level for their application.

Date: Saturday, Aug. 17

Location: OPP General Headquarters
777 Memorial Ave, Orillia

Anyone interested in attending must pre-register. Attendees must adhere to the cancellation policy, dress code and instructions on the registration page. Parking will be available onsite.

For a full list of upcoming recruitment events, visit opp.ca/events.

The OPP is dedicated to ensuring open, accessible, equitable and respectful workplaces, and is committed to reflecting the diverse communities it serves.

Submitted

Grace anatomy

Colours are a direct privilege of vision. They also arouse other senses which can indirectly appreciate light and beauty. Art, music, words, faith, feelings … most of us are pretty grateful for the grace of world colours.

A spectrum (awesome Latin word!) is often introduced to schoolchildren with the acronym ROY G BIV, a 'name' they might remember. When we look at rainbows, which are natural dispersions of light in water droplets, we can list their visible colours: **R**ed, **O**range, **Y**ellow, **G**reen, **B**lue, **I**ndigo, **V**iolet … *Roy G. Biv!*

Pink Floyd fans would probably understand the mechanics of a prism. Light combines seven colours. What's available to the human retina is basic daylight, or 'white light'. When it's refracted in nature through the prisms of moisture, we see rainbows.

Variations of rainbows have become international symbols of PRIDE. Although seven colours define a spectrum in physics, the flag's six basic stripes (in art, the three primary and three secondary colours) hold conscious significance, with white, black, grey, brown, other greens, indigo, baby blue, turquoise and pink now commonly added. PRIDE's colours recognize and respect the diverse spectrum of gender, identity and sexuality within the global community. My own experience continues to appreciate wide ranges of human uniqueness and expression. My dream is that we universally apply respect and goodness to ourselves and to the world. However we express our authenticity, kindness, responsibility and grace personifies the true colours of PRIDE.

My grandmother was Grace. I never knew her. She died shortly after her ninth child was born. A schoolgirl in 1904, she was awarded an edition of *Little Women* for 'good conduct'. It was my cherished keepsake. Now one of my nieces has her name. Then there's Grace, Haliburton's iconic snapping turtle, who captured my heart while she was missing, and worse, after her body was found.

Grace is a good name. Its meaning suggests a way of feeling, of behaving honourably in this world. However long my body and mind persist in my own lifetime, I hope they've worked their darnedest to represent the courtesy, gratitude and goodwill the word *grace* implies.

Whenever people collectively experience moments of grace and colour, whether in symphony halls, classrooms, delivery rooms, galleries or from podiums, there's a galvanization of majesty, of unanimity and of hope. From Olympic stadiums, to mountaintops, to brave new leaders, there seems to unfold the recognition that pride represents the achievement of courageous individuals. To unify separate voices using one noble song feels like light, like grace. Peace gets threaded together out of seven(-ish) colours.

Our beloved turtle galvanized a community, and it was my heartbreak, but privilege, to view Grace's remains. The real tragedy would be if deliberate cruelty, as suggested, had ended her reign. Media editorials often reflect on what is cruel about this world. But some choose to reassure readers about continuing goodness. As a citizen of diversity, I aim to have pride in myself, to acknowledge colours, and to help keep grace alive.

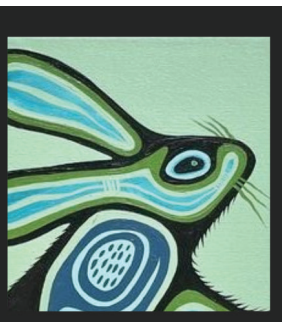
Submitted by Deborah J Reed

Steve Todd awards Harper Gooley and Fynn Gooley with the Opportunity Looks Like Hard Work Award.

OPPORTUNITY LOOKS LIKE HARD WORK AWARD 2024
Carter Mitchell
OPPORTUNITY LOOKS LIKE HARD WORK AWARD 2024
Lillian Ramsdale

Hard work pays off

Meet the incredible winners of the Opportunity Looks Like Hard Work Award! Congratulations to Carter Mitchell, Lillian Ramsdale, Harper Gooley and Fynn Gooley. Their dedication, positive attitude, and hard work set them apart. Join us in celebrating their achievements and the values they embody. Given out by SIRCH Community Services, the $600 financial award was created for students in grades 9, 10 or 11 who demonstrate academic merit and also work part-time in Haliburton County. Winners were scGred and chosen by a panel consisting of a SIRCH board member, a staff member and a community business rep. Pictured are Steve Todd from Todd's Independent, Carther Mitchell, Lillian Ramsdale, and Stacey McLean from SIRCH Community Services. /Photos submitted



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A Community Art event with Jared Tait

When: Aug 12-16, 9:00AM to 4:00PM
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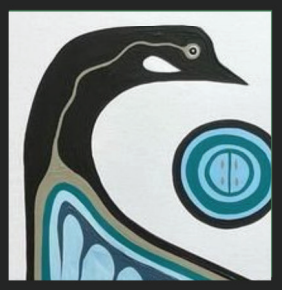
Registration at Eventbrite is appreciated



Under the guidance of artist Jared Tait, a member of the Sachigo First Nation, participants will engage in painting 3-dimensional woodland figures to be installed in the Sculpture Forest. Unveiling at 11AM Saturday August 17th

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FESTIVAL OPENING RECEPTION
Time: 11:30
Location: Up River Trading Co., Minden

MEET AND GREET
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashawagamog Lake Road

TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH

DRAG STORYTIME – MINDEN
Time:: 3:00 pm
Location: Minden Library

VOICE OF PRIDE ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION
Time: 5:00pm
Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST

YOUTH PRIDE DAY
Time: 11:00 -2:00pm
Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton

QUEER COMEDY NIGHT
Time: 7:00
Location: Sir Sams Ski and Bike/ Eagle View

THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

DRAG STORYTIME – HALIBURTON
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 7:00
Location: The Dominion Hotel, Minden

FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE
Time: 1:00-3:00
Location: Minden Cultural Centre

BURLESQUE BALL – DECO-DANCE
Time: 7:00pm **Location:** Pinestone Resort

SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

MAD HATTER TEA DANCE
Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm
Location: Hook Line and Sinker, Haliburton

SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

RAINBOW STREET FESTIVAL 2023
Time: 11:00 – 3:00pm
Location: Water Street

PRIDE RIVER PARADE
Time:12:00 – 1:00 launch
Location: Gull River, Rotary Park

FESTIVAL WRAP PARTY
Time: 3:00pm
Location: Boshkung Social

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THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

Café Español meets every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. Currently, they meet at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Come and enjoy learning the Spanish language, sing, and have fun embracing new cultures. /Submitted

"In the seventies, I spent about 6 years running around Latin America, I got pretty fluent in Spanish. When I moved here 30 odd years ago, I didn't have the opportunity to speak Spanish with anyone," said Greg Roe, founder of Café Español. Greg and his wife Bonnie also founded the Aging Together as Community project.

"When I travelled those six years, a lot of time I was on my own. I was there six months of the year and when you are alone, your day to day language has to be Spanish. It is a very grounded way to learn Spanish."

"There was a day down the road in Columbia when I realized I wasn't thinking in English anymore, I was thinking in Spanish," said Roe.

"What we wanted to do with that is meet interesting people," said Roe. After hearing about the French Conversation Circle that takes place at the Dysart branch of Haliburton County Library, Roe knew that there could be space to learn, converse, and sing in Spanish.

"We decided that we would collaborate with Aging Together as Community and the library system," said Roe. Due to the library's commitment to other events this summer, Café Español has been meeting at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Claudette Pitre, owner of Poquito Loco, offered their space for Café Español to meet. Poquito Loco shares a commercial space with Castle Antiques and has a large seating area used for the Music Room. With Pitre and one of Poquito Loco's employees as part of the group, it was a perfect combination.

For the first Café Español, Roe says that they had around 15 people come out, including three from Buckhorn.

The purpose of the group is to allow everyone of all ages to converse and learn Spanish at a friendly rate.

"You are not only learning textbook Spanish but learning how to converse and get along in a Spanish speaking country," said Roe.

The youngest participant of Café Español is 24 and the oldest is 75, said Roe. While currently meeting at Castle Antiques, the group is concerned that a number of participants will stop coming once the winter hits and it starts getting dark early. People won't be coming to Castle Antiques at night, so we are looking at afternoons at the Minden Library, said Roe.

Roe and other participants of Café Español are trying their best to ensure that they have fluent Spanish speakers and to have participants from a wide range of cultures. Some participants from Mexico and Uruguay have visited Café Español to check that the group is keeping on track towards fluency.

"There are people who basically know nothing. There is a great range and they are all extremely keen. Usually they have been to a Spanish speaking country or they are going to a Spanish speaking country," said Roe.

"In western culture, there is a tendency to put people in silos. I am in my seventies. When I was a kid, we thought old people went to a retirement home," said Roe. "We are all on the same journey whether you are one year old or 100 years old."

"We didn't want to be seen as yet another seniors' group."

"There are lots of things available [in Haliburton County] to seniors," said Roe "But I didn't want to sit around and play euchre."

Café Español meets on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. every two weeks. There is no cost to attend. Currently, the group meets at Castle Antiques at 223 Highland Street in Haliburton, but will likely be moving to the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Library in the fall. They also hope to expand the meetings to Haliburton and Kinmount in the future. Greg Roe is encouraging anyone interested to contact him at 705-879-9412 or to email agingtogetherhc@gmail.com

"The class is not just about the language, it is about the culture, the music, the whole thing," said Roe.

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Children's Grassroots Soccer

Boys 10-13 Silver
Calvin Brown - excellent focus on the passing and achieving two stellar assists early in the game.

Boys 10-13 White
Damien Podmore-Casey was our man of the match for always being the first to jump into the swamp for the soccer balls that went out-of-bounds.

It was a super hot and muggy afternoon as the kids all gathered on the fields. But, regardless of the heat, full teams of determined players showed up and braved the elements.

Submited by Adam Brown

Felix Dart
He is 7 years old and got the MVP this week for battling it out all game in the heat and almost scoring a goal a couple different times!

10-13 black MVP
Keira Dacey
First time in goal and killed it with some big saves. "Tiny and mighty!"

Louella Thaler, left, and Ruby Walt
These girls have played three years of soccer and are both born leaders! They cheer on the whole team during the game and help to keep everyone motivated every play! "Go Blue Jay Go" -Lou & Ruby

The girls' 10-13 red team named 10 year old Orchid Germuska as their MVP this week. Orchid put in a full effort in net, making great saves and working on new skills. She is a friendly team player who is always willing to pitch in and play her best. When asked what what she likes best about soccer, Orchid said, "I like having fun and playing with friends." Way to go, Orchid!

Red team 7-9 MVP
Sybil Elliott
Sybil plays her heart out every week but she especially shined at this weeks game. She is heading back to where she lives in Korea this weekend so she sent the summer off in Haliburton with a bang tonight!

Dance Returns to the parks and streets

During the week of Aug. 5 to10 dance performances will be popping up in parks and on the streets of Haliburton and Minden.

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) is presenting "'Note the Weather" a contemporary dance for outdoor public space featuring five dancers and a harpist. Vignettes of this work will be featured at on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of Haliburton Rotary Summerfest in Head Lake Park in Haliburton near the Welcome Centre, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in front of the Red Doors at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and on Friday, Aug. 9, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of the barn in the Haliburton Village square on Highland Street.

A full production of "Note the Weather" will be performed at the Village Green in downtown Minden on Saturday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Note the Weather" is choreographed by Mairéad Filgate, who is well known in Haliburton for her performances co-created with the Throwdown Collective in Dusk Dances Haliburton and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. She has put together a dance troupe from various places across Canada to perform this work.

In this work, the dancers, accompanied by a harpist and vocalist Shannon Kingsbury, zoom in on intimate details of the everyday. Simple images develop to reveal personal relationships to self, others, and the surrounding environment, highlighting the architecture of space and bodies.

Performers and audience members will be invited to slow down, tune into, and respond to what is happening around us.

Weather permitting the performers will be practicing in the various outdoor locations in the days prior to their performances. The public is welcome to watch the work in progress.

Attendance at the performances is free, donations on site are welcome.

These performances are made possible through the support of the Ontario Arts Council and the Government of Canada and our site sponsors, Rotary Club of Haliburton, Fleming College - Haliburton School of the Arts, Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and the Township of Minden Hills

DH3 is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

For more details visit www.dancehappenshere.com

Submitted

Children's author Aimee Reid celebrates new releases

Three new picture books featuring baby animals and their parents will be featured at upcoming Haliburton signings by children's author Aimee Reid.

Baby Animals Trying: A Celebration of First Moments (Sourcebooks), which releases on Aug 1., will be launched from Master's Book Store on Tuesday, August 6 from 10a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will include giveaways of temporary tattoos, animal-print balloons, and colouring pages. Reid will be autographing books, and visitors can enter a draw for a chance to win one of five copies of her first picture book, Mama's Day with Little Gray, or one of two $50 gift certificates to Master's Book Store. Paper entries may be picked up at Master's Book Store or people can go to https://bit.ly/HaliburtonLaunch2024 to enter online. (One entry per person. Contest closes at 4 p.m. on Aug. 6.)

Families are also encouraged to join Aimee Reid at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Friday, Aug. 16 for story time. Children can receive animal-themed temporary tattoos, do crafts, and enjoy a reading that includes puppets, action rhymes, and music.

Reid has often drawn inspiration from family vacation times in the Haliburton region. "I saw my toddler son snuggling on my husband's chest after a day of playing by the lake and said, 'That looks cozy – belly to belly.'" That phrase became the opening line of the book Animal Snuggles: Affection in the Animal Kingdom (Sourcebooks), which was published in November of 2023. It features animal parents cuddling, carrying, nuzzling, hugging ... showing physical affection to their young.

Baby Animals Trying, a follow-up to Animal Snuggles, depicts sweet baby animals as they bravely attempt their first steps, swims, dives, climbs, and other significant milestones.

Reid also released A World of Love (Penguin Random House) in January of this year. This book highlights the unique ways that animal parents around the world care for their little ones. For example, Emperor penguin fathers protect their eggs until they hatch, mountain goats guard their young from falls, and dolphins create special calls to stay connected.

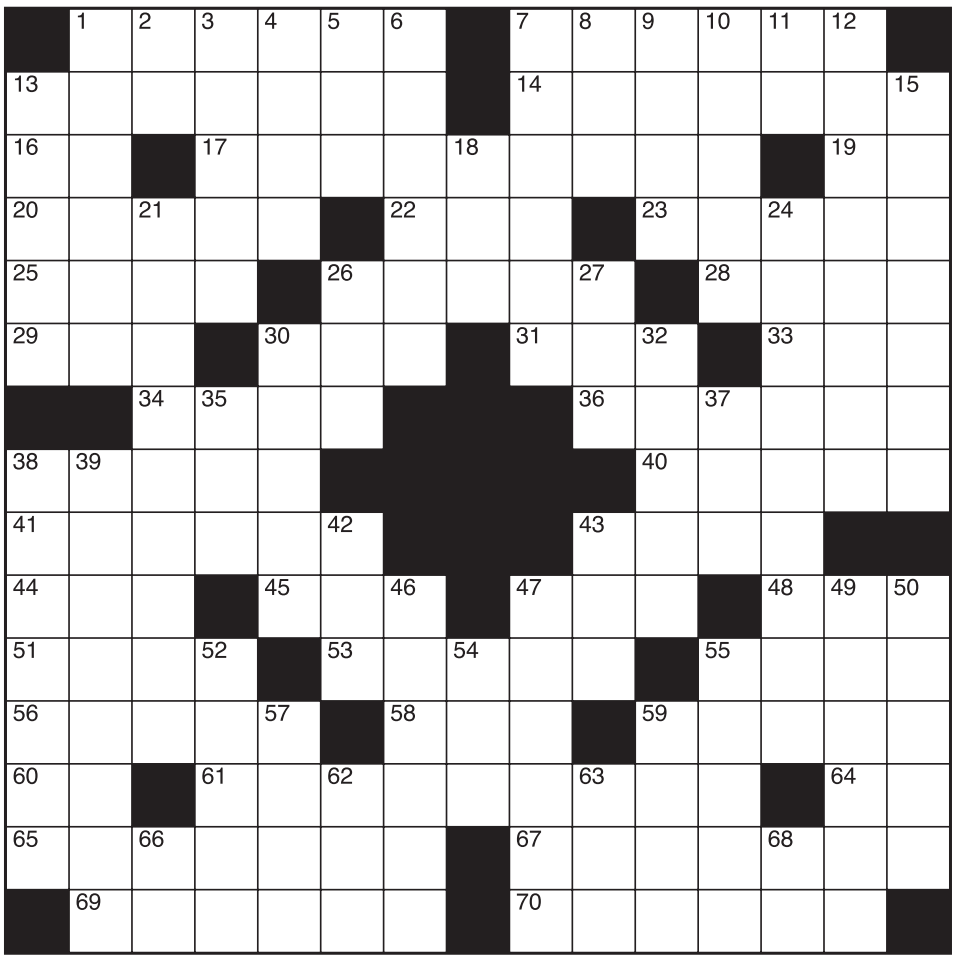
Critics have praised the books and complimented the illustrations by Sebastien Braun (Animal Snuggles and Baby Animals Trying) and Chris Lyles (A World of Love). Kirkus Reviews calls A World of Love "tailor-made for a naptime cuddle" and writes that Animal Snuggles represents "love in its most natural state."

All three books close with spreads depicting loving human families. For Reid, that close connection is what she aims to nurture through her stories. A key motivation for her writing is to provide books that help adults express affirmation to the children in their care.

Her biography of Mister Rogers, called You Are My Friend, was also launched in Haliburton in 2019. It highlights the transformative impact of his grandfather's words on young Fred's life. Welcome Home and First Morning Sun, both published in 2022 from Simon & Schuster, show families, friends, and neighbours welcoming newborns and celebrating their growth.

Reid credits the Haliburton region for nurturing her creativity. "Such gorgeous, tranquil landscapes and warm people. I never fail to be inspired."

Submitted



CLUES ACROSS
1. Spiritual leaders
7. A solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood group
17. A way to compare
19. Gov't lawyer
20. Actor Ciaran
22. Calendar month
23. Very willing
25. __ ex Machina
26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. A situation you can be in
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
48. Belgian composer Walter
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer
55. Musical or vocal sound
56. Yankees' great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Atomic #79
65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN
1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Arts and crafts supplies
4. Containers
5. Investment vehicle
6. A way to greet in a friendly way
7. Bulged downward
8. "A Day Without" singer
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

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Time for ‘the talk’

The Birds and the Bees was the last play for Highlands Summer Festival’s 2024 season. For tickets for the incredible Leisa Way’s Opry Gold performance with her band, visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca/tickets.html. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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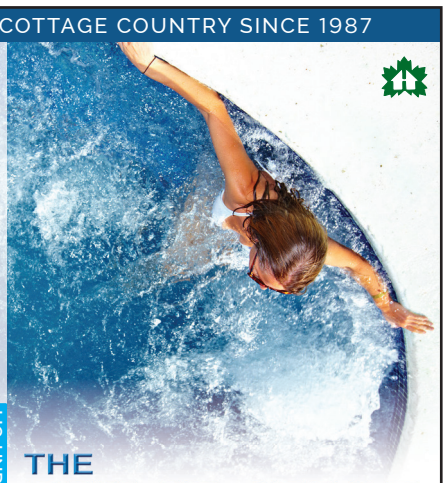

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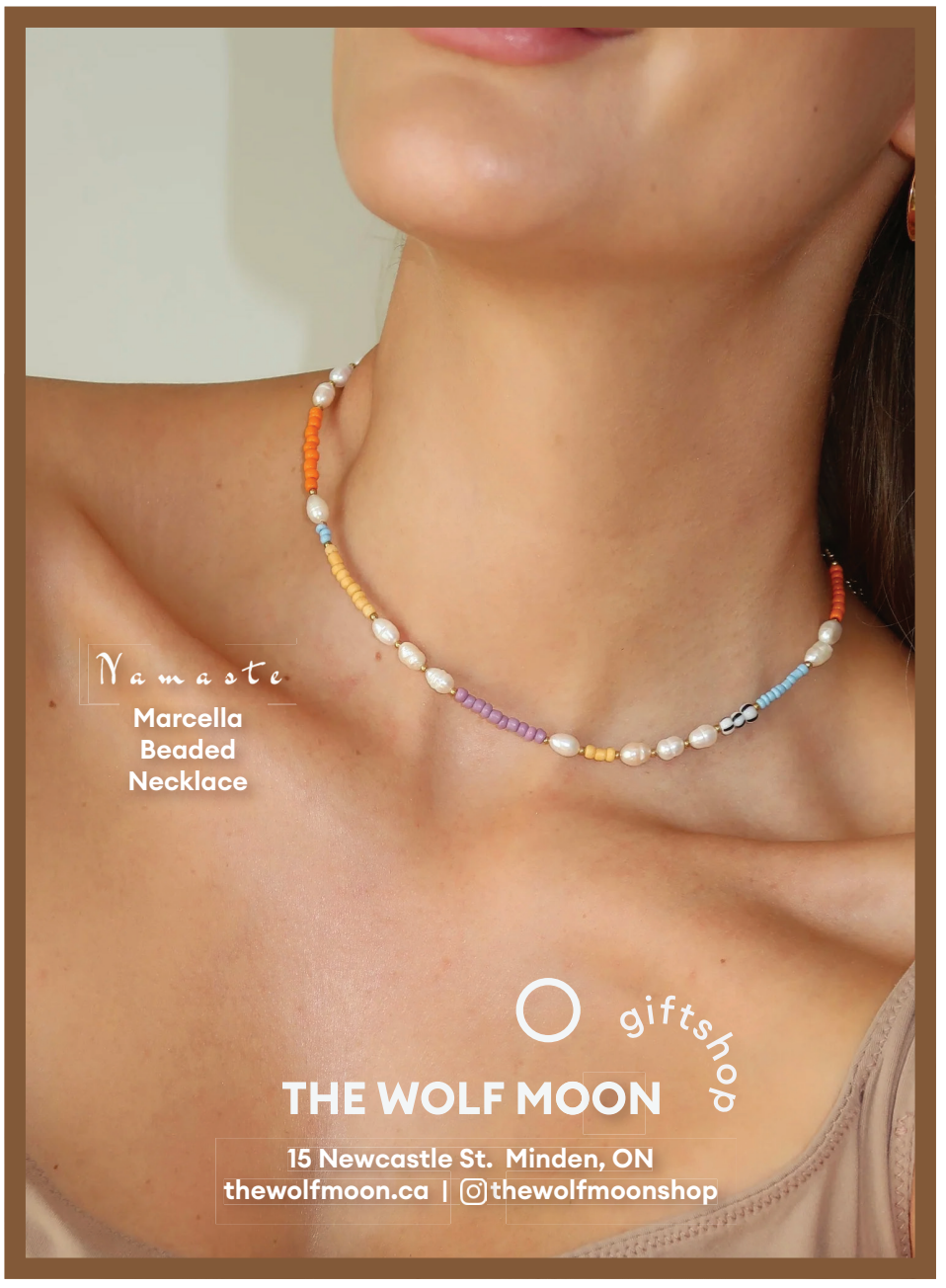

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Darren Lum Echo staff

The train of hope continues to contribute for children with cancer as cyclists ride through the Highlands during the Tour for Kids ride. The event has raised more than $7 million since it started seven years ago. See the full story on page 24.

Drumming up support

Cross-country tour by Haliburton trio brings in more than $150,000 for a new school in Angola and there's more to come

Jenn Watt
Editor

Drumming eases the mind, touches the soul and can, when performed correctly, bring together communities separated by an ocean and about 11,000 kilometres.

Three of Haliburton County's most prolific drummers – Barry "Bazza" Hayward, Joe Truss and Christine Cullen, also known as the Abbey North Drummers – engaged towns, schools and churches across the country with the beat of their drums and the passion behind their cause: to rebuild a school in Dondi, Angola.

"There have been very few circumstances in my life that I have had that experience of easy community," Truss said of the welcoming nature that met the drummers as they moved from town to town raising about $200,000 and awareness of the project.

Through personal networks, the connections of the United Church of Canada and some pure happenstance, Truss, Hayward and Cullen made their way through 20 towns, playing 40 gigs in 37 days starting May 1.

(Hayward continued on, after returning to Haliburton, to play two weeks out east, bringing the tour's grand total to 40 communities and 50 events in 67 days.)

Their mission – titled the Dondi Project – was what got them through the hectic schedule.

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